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CORONER HAMMETT'S DUTY.

steam pipe. It is the belief of his friends that his death was due to the carelessness of full head of steam, when common prudence would have required the steam to be first

Steele is dead and it now becomes the duty and Dixon's line. of the coroner to ascertain the cause of his wearers of braze buttons and gold lace by ling the Supervising Architect's Office, acking them inconvenient questions. Coroner Hammett "deems an inquest unnecessary."

We cannot agree with the coroner. It is his duty to institute a searching investigation, to ascertain whether Quarterman Steele's death might not have been prevented, and If so to hold to strict accountability the persons Hammett is blinded by the giare of brase buttons and gold ince, the Commissioners, whose

Will Coroper Hammett act? DOLLAR GAS.

It is reported that foremost among the measures to be pushed to consummation by the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia is that which provides for "dollar gas." Some nope is even held out that this to any lassitude in their resolution departbill may really pass at this session.

There is not, so far as anybody knows, the allightest objection to the passage of this bill; holders of the Washington Gaslight Company, whose fat dividends will suffer some slight curtailment. Yet, none need waste a great deal of compassion upon these gentlemen, for the quarterly returns upon their siderable distance from the base of supplies, heldings will still make a very respectable

It has been pretty convincingly demonstrated that eighteen-gandle power gas can be sold at a fair profit at thirty-five cents per thousand feet. That being the case, twentytwo-candle power gas, which the bill in question calls for, can probably be furnished for ffty cents, and purhaps less, leaving a profit of more than 100 per cent. Not a business man but would be satisfied with half that

The investigation made by the Senate committee during the last session respecting the price and quality of the illuminating article furnished the people of this city by the Wash-Augion Gaslight Company is evidently learing fruit, for the bill already referred to imposes a penalty of \$100 for each day on which the quality of the gas fails below the twentytwo condle power standard. Rejoiningly, therefore, everybody in Washington may look forward to the time when darkness shall no longer be made visible by the apologetic glimmer that now passes for street lighting, and the thrifty housekeeper need not light a tallow dip to find out whether or not the gas

By the way, there is another gratifying feature in all this hoped-for change. When we once shall have dollar gas, perchance 50 cent gas may not be an impossibility.

TURKEY AND THE ARMENIANS.

Aguin Europe has its Eastern question, and again it is "the unspeakable Turk" that precipitates the issue. This time it rises above mere political or diplomatic considerations. It involves the universal resentment awakeach by acts of unpuralished brutality spring-

The whole civilized world is shocked by the siekening reports that have come from Asia Minor. In all history no record can be found of worse atrodities than have been practiced by Turkish soldiers, under the ommand of their officers and at the beheat of governors of provinces, upon Armenian Christians. Not even the American Indians, against whom the charge of inhuman cruelty has often been brought, have ever been guilty of such acts as have recently been perpetrated In Avia Minor. It is possible that some of the accounts may have been exaggerated; it would be strange if it were not so; but mak- talking." ing full allowance for all that, enough remains to make humanity shudder and give

voice to the demand that such barbarities

From the unfortunate people who have been ortured and slaughtered by the Turkish soldiery comes an appeal to the governments of all civilized nations, not only for immediate succor, but for such action as will make a recurrence of the atrocities impossible. That appeal cannot go unbeeded, and it will not, or Europe, long weary of "the sick man by the Golden Horn," will give him to understand that he has outstayed and outlived his

The fact is that the Turkish empire is an omaly among the other European nations. In all its aspirations and tendencies it is read tionary. It is dominated by ignorance so ense and fanaticism so intense that the atrition of centuries has not been able to change its methods. With a government more autogratic than that of the Coar of Russia; controlled by a religious faunticism that se s in all other beliefs only material for persecution; its governmental machinery rotten to the core; burdened with debt which it can never hope and does not expect to pay-such

is Turkey as it has been and is to-day.

When Turkey is blotted from the map of Europe and its government consigned to the limbo of past and forgotten things a blot upon civilization will have disappeared.

BALLOT REFORM IN THE SOUTH.

Report comes from North Carolina to the effect that one of the first questions to be taken up by the new legislature-the majority of which is composed of Republicans and Populists is the reform of the election laws. It is the purpose of the majority, so it is said, to frame a statute which may serve as a model for other Southern States,

There is no doubt that ballot reform is the soming issue in every Southern State, In nearly all of these the election laws are so constructed—either designedly or through sheer carelessness—that instead of preventing fraud they incite, promote, and encourage it, Year after year the cry of unfairness, cheating, and political theft has been heard, and chiefly in those districts and States where the negroes predominate. The people of this country are averse to Federal legislation on the subject of elections, yet their innate love of fairness abhors oppression, whether by force of arms or by force of law, and public sentiment is undoubtedly in favor of a change in the manner and method of Southern

it is understood that prominent Republicans in North Carolina have been in correspondence with Senator Saxton, the author of the election law now in operation in the State of New York, and propose to model a statute on its lines. This would at once put the Australian system, or something akin to it, Quarterman Horatic N. Steele, employed | before the eyes of the people of the South, at the Washington navy yard, met a herrible and, it is thought, stimulate imitation. The death there on Friday by the bursting of a Walton law of Virginia, of course, although professedly an Australian ballot law, is a nere puredy on that system of voting, being the higher officials of the yard in compelling framed, if not with the intention of encourage the man to repair a broken pipe carrying a ing and shielding fraud, yet with every convenience for it.

Well may the hope be indulged that the old turned off. Steele, however, being merely a Tar Heel State will blaze the way for ballot humble subordinate and not the wearer of reform in the South, and that its work will be brass buttons and gold lare was forced to so full of honors and profit for itself as to be imitated by every other State south of Mason | 5 o'c

death. But Coroner Hammett also takes the | A casuar glance at the White House sentryofficial view of the case. The man is dead, box will convince almost any same citizen the steam pipe scalded him, why bother the that Secretary Carlisle is right in reorganiz-

"Ten American Enights of Protection" will attempt to organize in support of high profort to Mr. McKinley's approaching Days of Distruction.

Waxr will Congress do with the various responsible for the tragedy. And if Coroner bills for a new printing office? Will the to 7 o'ciock. House make provision for a safe and decent structure, and will the Senate then turn down the whole proposition because the site is not satisfactory to a real estate of the debut of their youngest daughter with size for the debut of their youngest daughter with size for the debut of their youngest daughter with size for the debut of their youngest daughter with the size for the debut of their youngest daughter with the size for the debut of their youngest daughter with the size for the debut of their youngest daughter with the size for the debut of their youngest daughter with the size for the debut of their youngest daughter with the size for the debut of their youngest daughter with the size for the debut of the debut of their youngest daughter with the size for the debut of the debut of the debut of the debut of their youngest daughter with the size for the debut of the debu subordinate the coroner is, should compel acturn down the whole proposition because tate ring? Or will both legislative branches put the preservation of human lives, costly machinery, and the maintenance of architectual decency ahead of private interests and motives of personal gain?

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Junou Mullen's race-track decision against except, of course, on the part of the stock- District bookmaking will not seriously affect local literature in general.

> In case of a renaissance of McKinieyism, Chairman Babcock may find himself at a con-

CLOAK ROOM AND GALLERY.

Congressman Brookshire, of Indiana, although one of the defeated candidates, is not all cast down over the result. Yesterday he was lunching with Congressman Jason Brown, of his own State, and a few other friends, and in the course of conversation the ubject was trought up as to what some of the defeated members of the present Congress would do after the 4th of March. Mr. Brookshire remardek that he expected to go into the real estate business. "The fact is," he said," me and George Vanderill own about \$7,000,000 worth of land in the neighborhood of Asheville, and me and George think we car nanage to scratch along on that for the next ear or two."

shire thoughtfully. They had not known be-fore that he was a bleated land owner, but the manner in which he talked about "me and George" suggested that possibly he was wait-ing for someone to ask him questions.

Finally Brown began joking him and said: "I suppose you own about \$100 worth of that land, and George Vanderblit the other \$6,-999,900 worth?" But Mr. Brookshire de-999,900 worth?" But Mr. Brookshire de-clined to go into details or furnish a bill of particulars as to how the property was

"These men are going to run their heads against a stone wall when they attempt to force a new currency bill through the Senate at a short session fike this," said one of the habitues of the Capitol yesterday.

"I just heard Senators Aldrich and Allison say that the Republicans would not consent to any legislation on that subject at this session. Of course it will be impossible to force.

anything of that kind through the Senate without a change of rules. It is all well enough to talk about these things, but it won't happen."

"Great beavens! we are in for it now," said an officer of the House yesterday, throwing up his hands as Representative Blair areas and suggested that he would like to "submit and suggested that he would hee to "submit a few remarks on the pooling bill."
"What's the matter?" asked somebody, looking nervously at the clock, "Why, Mr. Ibiair is proposing to submit a few remarks on this bill and it's 4 o'clock

"Well, a few remarks won't take much time, will they?"
"Won't they? You don't know Blair. Why,
I was over at the Senate one day when he
was a member there and his educational bill was up. It was an early session. Mr. Blair got up about 11 c clock and gently indicated that he would like to submit a few remarks on the educational bill. I listened awhile and went out. Along about 4 o'clock I went ack and, would you believe it, he was still

VAL BLATZ BEER.

SOCIAL SAYINGS AND DOINGS.

Postmaster General and Mrs. Bissell gave an elegant dinner last night in honor of the Argentine Minister and Mme. Zebalios. When the present administration first came in Seaor Zebalios, in calling upon the Postmaster General, presented letters of introduction from the officials of his own country, in which he had formerly held the office of postmaster general, and it was on this account that the dinner of last night was given. The table presented a very handsome appearance, as for the first time were used the beautiful openwork silver vases with crystal stands inside to hold the long-stemmed La France roses. These rested upon circular pieces of Duchesse lace. The white tapers in the reponses silver candiesticks were capped with small shades of open-work silver. At either end of the table were fruit pieces of different varieties of grapes. Postmaster General and Mrs. Bissell gave

The guests were the Argentine Minister and Mme. Zeballos, the Secretary of the Navy and Miss Herbert, the Secretary of Agriculture and Miss Morton, the Brazilian Minister and Mme. de Meadonea, Judge and Mrs. Maxwell, and the Nicaraguan Minister and Mme. Guzman.

Miss Maria M. Love, of Buffalo, will arrive in Washington early in the week for a visit to the Postmaster General and Mrs. Bissell.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Leiter gave a dinner art, and ars. L. Z. Leater gave a duder party or Thursday evening in honor of the Attorney General and Mrs. Olney. The other guests were the Postmaster General and Mrs. Bissell, Justice and Mrs. Harian, Gen. and Mrs. Scholleld, Junge Lambert Tree, of Chi-cago: Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Mackay-Smith, Mrs. Bugher, and Prof. Langley.

Chevy Chase was the seene last evening of a dinner given by the Hunt Club in honor of the debatantes of the present season. Mrs. De Peyster chaperoned the party of young people, to whom the occasion was made an people, to whom the occasion was made an evening of such unusual enjoyment that without doubt it will be remembered as one of the most memorable events of the season of '94. The decorations of the table and dining-room were elaborate. Among the young ladies who were guests were Miss De Peyster, Miss Lindsny Poor, Miss Rush, Miss Ramsny, Miss Adams, and Miss Clagett.

Col. and Mrs. De l'eyster gave a tea from 4 to 7 o'clock yesterday afternoon, on the occa-sion of the debut of their youngest daughter, sion of the debut of their youngest daughter, Miss Justine De Peyster, who received many floral offerings from her friends. These flowers completely covered the piano and banked the mantel. In the tearoom the decorations were in pink. The hosters received in a gown of crepe. At her side stood the daughter, in a gown of white musin, with white ribbons, and carrying a bouquet of American Beauty roses and white hyacinths.

The re-eving party included Mrs. Fraser, Miss Rochester, Miss Crosby, Miss Hagner, Miss Clagett, Miss Poor, Miss Adams, and Miss De Peyster. Miss Hazeltine poured

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tea,
Among the guests were Admiral Upsbur,
Admiral, Mrs. and Miss Bansay, Commander,
Mrs. and Miss Rush, Mrs. Norman G. Lieber,
Mrs. Poor, Miss Sherrill, Gen. and Mrs.
Bochester, Capt. and Mrs. Alexander Rogers,
Miss Greer, Mrs. Sanger, Mrs. Barney, Dr.
and Mrs. Goldsborough, Admiral and Mrs.
Crosby, Dr. and Mrs. Hammond, the Nica-raguan Minister and Mme, Gunnan, Mrs. N.
S. Lancoln, Mrs. Hornblower, Mrs. and Miss
Barlan, Mrs. Field, Mrs. Sidney Eversit, Miss
Leiter, Miss Gale, Gen. and the Misses Card,
Mrs. and Miss Kellev and Mrs. McGowan. Mrs. and Miss Kelley, and Mrs. McGowan,

The present week will witness a large num-ber of entertainments and society in coase quence will have a lively time in keeping pace with the events. Among these will be

Mrs. Charles M. Thomas will give a tea from 4 to 7 o'clock, at her home on Farragut Square, to announce the debut of her daugh-

Mrs. Ralph Cross Johnson, sr., will give a Mrs. Cropper will give a luncheon. 33

TorsbayMrs. Breckinridge will give a luncheon in Mrs. Phil Sheridan will give a tea to an-nounce the debut of her daughter. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Herman Viele will give an evening party.

WEDNESDAY—
The marriage of Miss Mary Sherman to Mr.
McCallum will take place at noon at the residence of Senator and Mrs. Sherman, Mr. Lee
Phillips will be best man and Miss Cecelia
Miles and Miss Rosa Hoyt, of New York, will
be the bridesmaids, and Rey. Dr. McKim will
officiate

Mrs. George Duniop will give a tea from 5

The marriage of Miss Lizzie Lyons, daugh ter of Mrs. Addie Deane Lyons, to Repre

sentative Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia will take place at the residence of the bride elect, No. 1315 N street. Mrs. William A. Gordon will give a tea

announce the debut of her daughter

FRIDAT—
The opera of "Dorothy" will be given as a
matinee performance at Albaugh's by the
students of Columbia College. Mrs. Cleveland will occupy a box on that occasion,
Mrs. and Miss Hichborn will give a tes to

oung people.

Mrs. John Rogers will give a tea from 4 to
o clock in honor of Miss Sheridan.

In the evening Hon. John W. Foster will give a gentlemen's dinner party.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Cabell give an entertainment at 5:30, at which Secretary Carlisle will make a short address.

SATURDAY-Mrs. McCammon will give a teato an-ounce the debut of her daughter. In the evening the Brazilian Minister and Mme, de Mendonca will give their second

Among the later entertainments will be: Monday, December 17, Mrs. Leiter will give a 5 o'clock ton.

Tuesday, the 18th instant, Justice and Mrs. Brown will give an evening reception Wednesday, the 19th instant, Justice and

debut of their youngest daughter Thursday, the 20th instant, the ladies of the Washington barracks will give a tea from 4 to 7 o clock in honor of Mrs. Daniel Lamont. Wednesday, December 19, Mrs. Davis, wife

of Capt. Davis, will give a tex in honor of the debut of their second daughter, Miss Elsie Davis, at her home, 2237 Q street. Wednesday, December 19, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Waggaman will give an evening re-ception, from 8 to 10 o'clock, in honor of the Japanese minister.

Saturday, December 22, Senator and Mrs. Call will give a tea to announce the debut of their daughter, at their residence, 1903 N

Thursday, December 27, Representative and Mrs. Draper will give a dancing party at

Washington society has been in the throes of a genuine sensation lately on account of the conduct of certain very prominent women in the most exclusively fashionable circle who have been winning for themselves no end of private notoriety from their eard playing proclivities. Some of their escapades in this line within the past year would certainly have done credit to the habitues of any of the fashionable gambling resorts in Europe,

For a long time it has been known that a certain clique of women, a number of whom, by the way, have so far been considered beyond the breath of suspicion in this or any other matter calculated to set the gossips talking with any real material on which to weave their fabric of discourse, have made a practice of having quiet little card parties est on certain evenings at their houses. Now it transpires that those same quiet little partles have afforded opportunity for large sums of money changing hands in the most undesirable manner so far as the original owners of

the same are concerned. The latest development, however, which is decidedly in the nature of the sensational, is that no longer content with confining the scone of their card playing prowess within the District limits, parties have been made up for Alexandria, where the games of chance

have been carried on. As this fashion of moving the scene of operation to Alexandria has been for years past the habit of the pro-fessional gamblers in the ranke line, the action of the fashiohable women in following suit has naturally given rise to more than an or-

dianry amount of talk on the subject.

So far, fortunately, this talk has been kept within the immediate circle of the intimate friends of the women concerned, but as there is no ban of secrecy in the matter it is likely

is no ban of secrecy in the matter it is likely to become more generally known and the names of those who took part in the Alexandria card parties are likely before long to be openly spoken of.

There are several houses in the most fashionable sections of the city at which the card parties referred to meet regularly, and it is broadly asserted that in each place the amounts of money lost and won each night is far from inconsiderable. One of the men formerly frequently invited to take part in these card parties is an Army officer, who, coming to Washington, had the firm intention of bringing all possible influence to bear in order to have his station changed and given a detail of duty in this city. Before the close of his leave, however, he had materially changed this idea and lest all desire to remain in Washington for any further length of time.

time.

Not that he was not feted and made much of. In fact, he was made entirely too much of in certain quarters. The clique of fashionable women who played cards at one of the houses referred to, claimed him as their own especial property, and certainly held on to him until his resources in the money line had been completely exhausted. Their plan of operation at first was to deluge him with notes asking nim to take a hand at eards upon a certain night. This worked pretty well for a time, until the officer discovered that so far as helywas concerned he was playing that so far as he'was concerned he was playing a loring game. Then he hit upon the re-source of stating that he was out when the notes arrived, and so did not get them in

notes arrived, and so did not get them in time.

In this he was speedily checkmated. It was known by his friends that he was a member of the Army and Navy Club. When the note falled, the device of ringing up the officer at the telephone was adopted, and, as he almost invariable answered such summons without a thought of the card-playing friends, he was caught nine times out of ten.

The pupils of Miss Marion Proctor treated their parents and friends to a surprise on Fri-day evening last with three pleasing dances. The occasion was the annual exhibition by Miss Proctor's class in Haines' Hall, Eighth street. After the exhibition, which was un-usually good of its kind, aspecial programme of dancing was participated in by all present.

The ladies of the Homeopathie Hospital The ladies of the Homeopathie Hospital have about completed arrangements for a most attractive series of two enterminments to be given on Thursday and Fralay afternoons and evenings of this week at Masonie Temple. The afternoons will be devoted to serving Quodillet luncheons, which have long since achieved a reputation among the friends of homeopathy for their alloyathic measure and variety and their homeopathic prices. Home-made rolls will be donated by Mrs. Hose, who took the first prize for bread at the Food Exhibit.

The attractions of the first evening include fancy dinneing by the most expert of the

Assauracions of the first evening include fancy dancing by the most expert of the pupils of the Misses Hawkes; singing by some of the stars of the juven is casts of "Pirates" and "Pinafore," and a dialect reading by Miss Janet Richards, who will read one of Ed-wards' humorous stories of southern life, with when the reaction with which she recently made quite a hit be

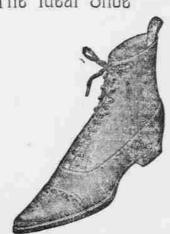
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DECEMBER.

The cold, bleak days of December, Have come with their withering breath; Friends that we fondly remember Have passed through the portals of death. Leaves of the oak and the willow

Lie scattered and blown by the gale, Like foam on the bounding billow Or showers of northern hail.

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